

Introduced by Senator Price

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Relative to Small Business Month.

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SCR 24, as introduced, Price. Small Business Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2011 as Small Business Month to raise awareness of the contributions made by outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Every year since 1963, the President of the United
2 States has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize
3 the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being
4 of America. National Small Business Week 2011, as proclaimed
5 by President Barack Obama, is May 16 through May 20; and
6 WHEREAS, In 2011, National Small Business Week will honor
7 the estimated 27.2 million small businesses in America. Small
8 businesses are major contributors to the strength of the American
9 economy. More than one-half of Americans either own or work
10 for a small business. They also create 60 to 80 percent of new jobs
11 in the country. Small businesses drive innovation, create 21st
12 century jobs and increase United States competitiveness; and
13 WHEREAS, California is home to the most innovative and
14 competitive firms in the world, placing us consistently among the
15 top 10 economies in the world. The great majority of these
16 businesses consist of 500 employees or less. Small businesses

1 embody the risk-taking, entrepreneurial spirit that is the backbone
2 of our Golden State; and

3 WHEREAS, In an effort to reaffirm this state's commitment to
4 small businesses, the California Governor's Office of Economic
5 Development was created last year with the mission of facilitating
6 economic growth through the development and implementation
7 of strategic policies and partnerships. When we utilize the private
8 sector along with local and national organizations, we are able to
9 enhance the human and capital infrastructure of California thereby
10 increasing our competitive advantage in the global marketplace;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are integral to a sound
13 economic foundation of this state because small businesses provide
14 a majority of all private sector jobs and constantly create new
15 employment opportunities for Californians; and

16 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are critical to the
17 current economic health of this state because small businesses
18 produce more than one-half of California's gross domestic product;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, California's small businesses are a key factor in
21 the future success of the state's economy because small businesses
22 are innovative forces in the marketplace and are among those most
23 likely to take risks to create new technologies and industries; and

24 WHEREAS, In these turbulent economic times, it is the small
25 business owners who will lead the charge back to full employment
26 output. Approximately 52 percent of our private sector labor force
27 is working hard in a small business to produce for a worldwide
28 market; and

29 WHEREAS, A 2009 study conducted at California State
30 University at Sacramento concluded that state contracting with
31 small businesses in California resulted in more money being
32 distributed within the state economy than contracting with larger
33 businesses; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
36 month of May 2011 as Small Business Month to raise awareness
37 this year of the contributions made by outstanding entrepreneurs
38 and small business owners; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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